

## October SRCA Notes

### September 21 TAC meeting

Over thirty members of the TAC met and listened to presentations by Koll Buer and Stacy Cepello on the Inner River Zones in Reaches 3 & 4. Koll discussed the geomorphology of the river, particularly in Reach 3, and how the historic meander of the river is governed by geologic boundaries and modified flow regimes. A draft report on DWR's efforts to monitor and study this reach will be available and discussed at the next meeting. In Reach 4, the IRZ would probably be constrained to the area between the levees. Stacy talked about the use of the Inner River Zone as a planning tool to help in determining activities along the river. Earlier, the Riparian Habitat Committee had determined that in Reach 4, because of the constrained ability for habitat improvement between the levees, the IRZ, as defined in the Handbook, did not apply. The TAC forwarded two options to the Board for Reach 4; 1) Reaffirm the Riparian Habitat Committee's earlier finding that no IRZ be defined in Reach 4, or; 2) That a new guideline be developed that reflects the focuses on the erosion and flooding process that goes on between the levees. Family Water Alliance suggested that the Conservation Area between Colusa and Verona be deleted, but it was noted that legislation would probably be needed to effect a change like that. It was agreed that landowners in each reach be contacted and meetings would be held to discuss the Inner River Zone determination.

A brief discussion of "Hard Points" was held, but because of time constraints, this item was continued to the next meeting. A committee will be formed, and those interested should contact the Coordinator to be included.

The next meeting will be held at the Willows City Hall Chambers on Oct 19, at 10am.

## CALFED FUNDING RECCOMENDATIONS COMMENT PERIOD

### September 28 SRCA Board meeting

Patricia Brown, the new Assistant to the Manager was introduced and welcomed to the Board, and the Selection Committee provided an update on the selection process for the Manager's position. After screening and interviewing top applicants, a recommended candidate will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The Coordinator reviewed the sub-reach planning efforts and also reported on the recent visit to Hamilton City and Woodson Bridge by the COE/Reclamation Board Comprehensive Study team. Dan Keppen, Chair of the TAC, gave a review of the Sept 21 meeting. The Board requested that the Coordinator send a letter to DWR requesting that the geomorphologic study of Reach 3 be completed and presented to the TAC.

Howard Stark, Chief of the Sacramento Realty Office for the Fish and Wildlife Service, gave a presentation on the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act and how counties receive payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for properties converted from private to public lands. A lot of questions and discussion by the Board and audience followed the presentation. Concern was expressed that tax revenue to taxing entities from conversion of prime agricultural lands were not recovered through the state and federal programs now available. Diana Jacobs summarized the State's PILT program and indicated that the questions that the government needs to determine is: What is the financial impact to the local area, and what do the agencies owe now, and are they paying it?

The Agency Board members reported on several activities within their jurisdictions and many encouraged public participation in the formation of those projects.

Because of various conflicts and the upcoming holiday season, the Board meeting schedule was set for the next meeting to be held Nov 2, in Willows, and the December meeting on Thursday the 14th.

### **Sacramento River Conservation Area Board to Meet Nov 2**

The SRCA Board will meet November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Glenn County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 6:30pm. The agenda includes a presentation about the “Role of state, federal, and local governments during floods”.

### **Comprehensive Study Workshop Scheduled in Chico**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basin Comprehensive Study Program will host a Workshop to present information on their hydraulic studies on the Sacramento River. The focus will be on river channel capacity, including some floodplains and everyone is invited to attend. The workshop will be held 10AM, October 19, at the Chico CARD Center.

### **Project Funding Proposals Available for Review**

Ecosystem Restoration project funding proposals are available for review on CALFED's website. To access, click on: [calfed.ca.gov/Programs/Ecosystem Restoration/Initial Recommendations for 2001 PSP](http://calfed.ca.gov/Programs/Ecosystem%20Restoration/Initial%20Recommendations%20for%202001%20PSP). The proposals, committee recommendations, and information on the public comment period is available to review.